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Applicant: Lowell S. Fink

Appn. Title: "Universally Compatible, Semi Elliptical, Vertically Deployed Sail  
System for Wind Propelled Vehicles"

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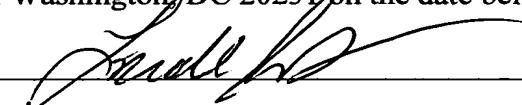
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